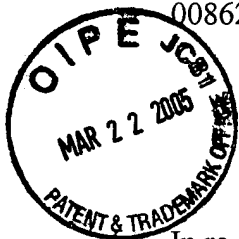


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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
HIROSHI WATANABE ET AL.) : Examiner: B. Carrillo
Application No.: 10/619,576) : Group Art Unit: 1746
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.